

**Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting**

**Thursday, November 1, 2007
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the council, staff and audience in the pledge.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Second Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing, Councilmember Peralta, First Vice Mayor Valenzuela

Members Absent: Councilmember Marquez

A quorum was established and the meeting continued

E. Proclamation

1. National Head Start Month November 2007 – Pinal Gila Child Services

Mayor Hing read the proclamation heading proclaiming that November 2007 is National Head Start Month. He encouraged everyone to visit and/or volunteer at the local Head Start.

F. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting October 18, 2007

Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Communication

1. Managers Report – Rosie Cordova

Inmate Labor: Ms. Cordova reported that the contract was signed by the Arizona Department of Corrections and the next steps were to have staff trained. Discussion followed regarding transporting the inmates and who should be allowed to supervise the inmates. The council directed Ms. Cordova to finalize the list of people who will supervise the inmates and also to continue to look into a viable means of transportation for the inmate laborers.

Staffing – Mrs. Cordova explained that the Finance Director would be taking an indefinite sick leave due to health related issues. She also reported that they would be advertising for a Public Works Supervisor to replace the Public Works Director.

Main St. Paving - Ms. Cordova explained that Ms. Oliver attended the regional Transportation meeting with CAAG. Ms. Oliver explained that Superior is able to move their projects up on the timelines however the Regional Council must vote and approve the rankings. She explained that she spoke with Brent Billingsley of City of Maricopa, and he offered to assist the town with scaling the Main St. project down so it could be done more affordably.

Code Enforcement – Ms. Cordova and Mr. Pryor gave an update on code enforcement. They explained that the town has been divided into sections and the Fire Department has been issuing notices for code violations. Mr. Pryor explained that they have started on the south east side of town and are moving strategically around town. He explained that residents in violation are given a warning with 30 days to fix the problem. He then explained after 30 days if the problem is not fixed the police department issues a citation. Chief Digirolamo explained that if the town has to prosecute or arrest a resident for code violation then the town may have to incur fees from the Pinal County Detention center.

Resolution Copper – Ms. Cordova explained that Mr. Rickus with Resolution Copper testified before the congressional natural resources committee this week she explained that she provided a copy of the testimony to each of the council members.

Halloween Festival – Parks and Recreation member Josie Campos explained that they had an excellent turnout at the Halloween event. She thanked all the volunteers and organizations who assisted with the event.

A. Call to the Public

Mayor Hing announced the call to the public. He explained that anyone wishing to speak now could only speak directly to the Council and only for items not on the current agenda.

Bob Walski, 125 Pinal Ave.– Explained that he is very frustrated that the town does not keep the transfer station open long enough. He explained that this makes it very difficult for him to do his work because he can't go regularly to dump garbage and debris. Ms. Cordova explained some of the staffing issues and stated that the transfer station would be open longer on Saturdays.

Hilda Cardenas – Superior Head Start director thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support and also thanked them for attending the Head Start open house and dress up day.

Carol Dodge – Superior Animal Rescue expressed her concerns over the roaming dogs who have been killing small animals. She explained that she calls and notifies the police she explained that they needed to come up with an idea to solve these issues.

Rhonda Largo – Superior Animal Rescue also discussed her concern over the packs of wild dogs that roam all over town. She said that she can identify at least 12 of them and know who they belong too.

A. Business

Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Presentation on CAP Allocation and Arizona Water Companies increase – William Garfield President, Arizona Water Company.

Mr. Garfield gave an update on the areas that Arizona Water Company serves. He explained that Superior is entitled to a portion of the Central Arizona Project waters approximately 18,000 acre feet of water is owned by Superior. He explained that at this time there is not a

way to bring the water to Superior however there may be some options to bring the water to Superior once the Ranch 160 Project is complete. He explained that the extra water could assist Superior with additional water needs as the infrastructure grows in the community. The council and Mr. Williams discussed the \$200,000 debt that the town currently owes. Mr. Garfield explained that this debt is what the town owes for the CAP canal being built and that the debt has accumulated for the past 15 years.

Mr. Garfield also discussed with the council the impending rate increase for water services. He explained that the rate increase is due to the legislation that required water companies to build treatment facilities to abate the Arsenic in the water. Mr. Garfield introduced Mr. Harris who explained that the average customer will see a \$6.10 increase on their bill which is approximately a 23% increase.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Auto Salvage Plan from Lets Talk Trash Committee and Update on the Southside Clean

Ms. Anderson gave an update on the Southside Clean up she explained that Resolution Copper will be providing 3 roll offs to be placed off of Mary Drive at the old rodeo grounds. She explained that they will have a potluck luncheon after the event and that the town is providing hot dogs. She also reported that Resolution Copper and the Superior Optimist Club they would be hosting a movie/pizza party for the youth who participate in the event that same evening. The council thanked Ms. Anderson for her dedication to these projects.

Ms. Anderson also explained that the committee thought they could entice residents to get rid of their non running cars if they were entered into a lottery for \$200. She requested that the town approve spending \$1000 as a lottery prize to the person who is drawn. She explained that they are working with Southwest Towing and they assured her that the cars that are picked up will not be placed on US 60. Ms. Anderson explained that this program would be eligible for the first 10 people who have cars picked up and they would run the raffle 5 times in a year with a \$200.00 prize each time.

Mr. Beers explained that there are not any legal issues with participating in this raffle. He recommended giving the money payable to the committee and for the committee to distribute the money.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve spending \$1000 on the auto salvage plan. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Superior High School Hall of Fame Contribution Ms. Cordova explained that the town has been asked to make a contribution to the Superior High School Hall of Fame. Mayor Hing asked Mr. Gutierrez to elaborate on the organization. Mr. Gutierrez explained that they are a non profit group who has come together to acknowledge the success of previous Superior High School Graduates. He explained that they will be inducting nine new members and a display will be created in the trophy hall way at the high school. He explained that monies raised will also go to support educational programs at the school.

At the request of Councilmember Peralta Mr. Gutierrez explained the criteria for being nominated to the Hall of Fame. He explained that the committee reviews a nomination list and then vote. He explained that basis for nominations are that they graduated from Superior High School and that they have had success in life or have been instrumental in the community. Mr. Gutierrez explained that their intention is to create a method in which the current students can view the success of others and allow that success to motivate and encourage the students.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to contribute \$200.00 to the Superior High School Hall of Fame. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Voter registration and Election Services, IGA

Ms. Cordova explained that this is an IGA with Pinal County to allow them to operate the spring 2008 elections for the town. She explained that the two items on the agenda are the Southwest Gas franchise agreement and the one time override. She explained that Southwest Gas will be paying half of the costs of the election.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve the IGA for the spring 2008 elections. Vice Mayor 2 Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Ordinance No. 96, An ordinance of the Mayor and council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona, pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program, adopting by reference revised flood insurance study, flood insurance rate maps and floodplain management regulations; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing penalties.

Ms. Cordova explained that the council had passed an ordinance previously however the ordinance was rejected by the flood insurance company as they suggested additional wording be added to the ordinance.

Ms. Cordova gave the first reading of the ordinance.

Second Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hing announced that there would be an executive session.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Peralta: No Comment

Councilmember Heglie: Thanked the Lets Talk Trash Committee and encouraged everyone to get involved with the event.

Councilmember Cervantes: No Comment

Second Vice Mayor Lopez: Thanked everyone who was involved with the Halloween event and said it was a great event with a great turnout.

First Vice Mayor Valenzuela: Congratulated Ms. Campos for a job well done on the Halloween event. He expressed his desire to see the parks and recreation position filled because Josie is doing a lot of work on these projects. He also requested a status on the negotiations on the garbage collection services.

Mayor Hing: Stated he agreed with all the comment of the council members.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to enter into executive session. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

J. Executive Session

1. Employment and Related issues of Chief of Police Luigi Digiralomo

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to return to regular session. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:24 p.m.

K. In Public Session

Executive Session Discussion

Mayor Hing explained that the council met in executive session to discuss amending the contract of the Chief Digiralomo. He stated that Chief Digiralomo has excelled as a chief and is doing a good job.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to accept Chief Digiralomo contract along with an amendment to the contract to include a 3-month severance package and to increase his salary to \$68,198 annually. Second Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Adjournment

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 1st Day of November 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/ Rosie Cordova

Rosie Cordova

Town Manager/Clerk

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